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The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

July 8, 2011

Dear Commissioners:

As representatives of the many businesses belonging to the Campbell County Chamber of Commerce, we ask that the FCC move for quick approval of the AT&T / T-Mobile merger. We believe this transaction is good for consumers nationwide, and will be of great benefit to Campbell County.

Campbell County is strategically positioned on our state line and I-75, with an abundance of natural resources. We have powerful industrial capacity and mountain, trails and lake attractions just north of Knoxville, Tennessee. Our 40,000 residents respect tradition, but when it comes to technology, we have our eyes fixed on the future. We recognize that access to the next generation of Internet technology is essential to economic solutions where one fifth of our people live below the poverty line.

We eagerly anticipate the benefits of this proposed deal. Should the deal go through, AT&T has pledged billions of dollars toward building out the necessary infrastructure to create a near-universal mobile broadband network across this country. This has the capability to create jobs both directly and indirectly, a benefit that is of great importance to Campbell County residents and businesses.

One of our area's most dynamic growth areas for our county is tourism; we are proud to have Norris Lake and the Royal Blue Management Area and ATV trails, Cove Lake State Park and Norris Dam State Park, within our borders. It is imperative to provide year round visitors connectivity to the Internet and wireless services during their stays. Visitors can use mobile broadband for direction finding to popular businesses. If they stay in touch with family and business, they will stay longer.

Mobile broadband connectivity means a great deal to our community, our residents and our area businesses. We encourage any action that will hasten the deployment of these services, and we hope our observations resonate with you during your decision-making. We are very grateful for your hard work regarding this matter.

Respectfully,

E.L. Morton - Executive Director
Campbell County Chamber of Commerce

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